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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 25th September 1958.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Typhoid in Kumbakonam

* 22 *S.N.Q.*—SRI T. SAMPATH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue me pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Typhoid fever has broken out in epidemic form in Kumbakonam, Tanjore district;

(*b*) whether there have been cases of mortality also;

(*c*) whether people have been put to untold suffering on account of this fever; and

(*d*) what action has been taken for preventing further spreading of the fever in this town?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) No, Sir. The disease was prevalent only in a mild form.

(*b*) Fifteen deaths have been reported during the year up to 13th September 1958.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Preventive inoculation, fly control measurs and intensification of general sanitary measures, etc., were undertaken.

SRI T. SAMPATH : ஜுரத்திற்குக் காரணம், தாங்க முடியாத ஈக்கள் என்பதையும் ஈக்களுக்குக் காரணம் நகரத்திலே தூவப்பட்ட டியட்ரைன் என்ற மருந்துதான் என்பதையும் அமைச்சரவர்கள் அறிவாரா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : ஓரளவுக்கு அம்மாதிரி மருந்து தான் முதலிலே உபயோகித்தோம். அந்த மருந்தை மாற்றி இப்பொழுது பைரித்ரம் என்ற மருந்து போட ஆரம்பித்திருக்கிறோம்.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, while suppressing this kind of disease by using strong insecticides, may I ask whether it is the policy of the Government to let loose a plethora and scourge of other diseases like those detailed by the questioner?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : 'Letting loose' was not anticipated. So, after it really happened, we changed to other methods of destroying the mosquitœs.